



## **Cinco de Mayo**

The 5<sup>th</sup> of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexican militia over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily recognized in Mexico and areas within the U.S. where there is a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16<sup>th</sup>.

This is a day that

celebrates freedom and liberty, two ideals that both nations- Mexico and the USA honor and respect. Hispanics continue to celebrate this day in appreciation of its cultural and historical significance.